



Texas Coalition *for*
Excellence *in* Higher Education

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MCRAVEN USHERS IN NEW ERA OF LEADERSHIP MARKED BY EXCELLENCE, GOOD GOVERNANCE

AUSTIN—The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education today issued the following statement welcoming the new chancellor of The University of Texas System, Admiral Bill McRaven, and praising his vision for the future:

“This week marks a new and exciting era for The University of Texas System, highlighted by the statesmanlike and visionary leadership of Chancellor Bill McRaven. In an [open letter](#) on his first day in office, Chancellor McRaven has set the tone for a tenure marked by teamwork, excellence in education and research, and an adherence to good governance principles.

“His focused, collaborative and no-nonsense approach creates an environment that encourages the System’s institutions to get back to the business of teaching and research, and move away from the discord and controversy in which they have too often been embroiled, especially UT Austin.

“His stated commitment to the dual mission of teaching and research, his understanding of complex, dynamic organizations, and his leadership in times of challenge and of change, will help steer the UT System forward into a future in which the full potential of its 15 academic and health institutions and more than 200,000 students can be realized.

“We look forward to supporting Chancellor’s McRaven’s leadership and echo his call for all stakeholders to work together to resolve disagreements cooperatively and to ‘look to the future’. We again commend the Board of Regents for selecting such a dynamic leader who will be an important agent of positive change for one of our state’s most treasured resources, and urge all of the Board’s members to support his initiatives.”

About the Coalition

The Texas Coalition for Excellence in Higher Education is a bipartisan group of concerned Texans who organized to publicly support and promote excellence in public higher education, and oppose policies and recommendations that are destructive to its quality and long-term sustainability. Our group includes former university presidents, chancellors and regents, as well as numerous business leaders, philanthropists and more than 400 prominent and engaged Texans. Formed in 2011, in response to a growing concern over recommendations being floated that could have long-term damaging effects on our institutions of higher learning, the Coalition hopes to advance a thoughtful, constructive and transparent dialogue around higher education in Texas, seeking to improve the quality educational opportunities for all Texans.

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